

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a ~~pre-bent portion~~ preshaped portion having a predefined bend between the proximal and distal ends;

a deflectable portion associated with the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion; and

at least one operative element carried by the deflectable portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the main body portion comprises a catheter body.

10. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion comprises a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped wire biased to a predetermined curvature.

11. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion comprises a thermally formed tube biased to a predetermined curvature.

12. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion further comprises a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped support biased to the predetermined curvature.

13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion comprises a steering spring.

14. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~pre-bent~~ the preshaped portion defines a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane and the deflectable portion deflects within the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane.

15. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~pre-bent~~ the preshaped portion defines a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane and the deflectable portion deflects out of the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane.

16. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least two directions.

17. (Withdrawn) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least four directions.

18. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises an electrode.

19. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

20. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:
a steering mechanism, operably connected to the deflectable portion, that bends the deflectable portion relative to the main body portion.

21. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the steering mechanism comprises at least one steering wire secured within the deflectable portion.

22. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the steering mechanism further comprises a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the at least one steering wire.

23. (Currently Amended) A catheter, comprising:
a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a ~~pre-bent portion~~ preshaped portion having a predefined bend located proximal of, and substantially adjacent to, the distal end, the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion defining a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane;
a deflectable portion, including a steering spring defining first and second sides and configured to bend in the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane, associated with the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion;
first and second steering wires connected to first and second sides of the steering spring; and
at least one electrode carried by the catheter deflectable portion.

24. (Withdrawn) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion comprises a pre-bent wire biased to a predetermined curvature.

25. (Currently Amended) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion comprises a thermally formed tube biased to a predetermined curvature.

26. (Currently Amended) A catheter as claimed in claim 25, wherein the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion further comprises a ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped support biased to the predetermined curvature.

27. (Withdrawn) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the steering spring comprises a first portion configured to deflect in the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane and a second portion configured to deflect out of the ~~pre-bent~~ preshaped portion plane.

28. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

29. (Previously Presented) A catheter as claimed in claim 23, further comprising

a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the first and second steering wires.

30-51. (Canceled)